



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Update On The Lodi Boys And Girls Club Teen Center

MEETING DATE: August 5, 1998

PREPARED BY: City Clerk

RECOMMENDED ACTION: None required.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Richard Jones, President/CEO of the Lodi Boys and Girls Club, will be present to update the City Council on the Teen Center. Please see attached information that was provided by Mr. Jones.

FUNDING: None required.

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City Clerk

APPROVED: _____

H. Dixon Flynn -- City Manager

Lodi Boys & Girls Club, Inc.

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July 23, 1998

Jack Sieglock, Mayor
City Hall
221 W. Pine Street
Lodi, CA 95240

Dear Mayor,

This letter is in regards to the City Development Block Grant funds approved for the Teen Center and the closing of the Teen Center. Many of you may have some questions on how these funds will be used now that the Teen Center will be closing.

The decision has been made by the Board of Directors to close the Teen Center at the end of August and move all programs and activities to the main clubhouse, therefore utilizing the main clubhouse to it's fullest potential.

We are very excited about this move, because the teens will now have an indoor gym at their disposal, a separate computer lab (to be equipped with new computers, the latest programs, a few scanners and on-line access with CDBG funds), two TV rooms to either watch TV or play video games, a quiet library separated from the gamesroom noise, field trips, help with homework and many many more activities.

By using the main clubhouse it makes it easier on the youth and staff to use the separate rooms for many activities such as; arts & craft projects, tutoring, mentoring, prevention and intervention workshops, conflict management, job training programs (Junior Staff) and many more to be developed. This gives them privacy and many programs can be run simultaneously.



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We have planned to extend our hours of operation for teens are Monday through Friday 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm and 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on Saturdays.

We are currently in the planning stages of providing transportation to and from the club for the teens that currently attend the Teen Center and for the youth of the Lodi community. Currently Lodi Unified School District provides after school transportation to the Lodi Boys & Girls Club for all elementary schools but once they reach Junior High they're on their own. With this plan for transportation we can provide services to all youth in the Lodi and Woodbridge community, with hopes of serving 200 youth in the first year.

If I can be of further service please contact me at 209-334-2697.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard J. Jones", with a large, stylized initial "R" and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Richard J. Jones, President/CEO
LODI BOYS & GIRLS CLUB, INC.

Cc: Phil Penino
Keith Land
Robert Johnson
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